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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 30, 2006 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to a January 30, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 30, 2006 Office Action was due April 30, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$510.00 for a small entity and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the January 30, 2006 Office Action is now due July 30, 2006. However, because July 30, 2006 falls on a Sunday, a response filed the next business day, i.e., Monday, July 31, 2006, is considered timely. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.